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1. The Lowa Waggonbau Werdau VEB, at Werdau, Saxony, has gone into full production for the year 1952. During the first quarter it is to produce 1,500 police raid cars, type IFA-Horch. The cars have a capacity of three tons. The engines are delivered from the IFA works in Zwickau. The first 200 cars have already been delivered to Zwickau and Dresden. Lowa has installed an assembly line for the production of these cars.

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3. Later, Lowa is to manufacture 2,000 cars for other Volkspolizei uses. This is waiting on the enlargement of the assembly line.
4. Lowa is also producing railway refrigerator cars for the Soviet Union. These cars have a triple partition, and in the middle section there is a white mass which regulates the heat and cold. Experts believe that it is a new ammunition car. Before these cars are taken away, they have to be tested in the Werdau-Leipzig stretch behind a fast-train locomotive at 110 km per hour. Sixteen of these cars were shipped in December to Rostov, in the Soviet Union. The same kind of cars are also manufactured for Bulgaria for use in keeping fish.

5. Lowa also makes parts for anti-aircraft gun carriages. The parts are shipped from the works

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6. Later on, small mail cars will be manufactured for export and domestic use.

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